

## **TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN**

### **SCHOOL TO WORK INITIATIVE (YOUTH PROGRAM)**

#### Program Description:

Wisconsin's School-to-Work Initiative is both an early intervention tool and an investment in Wisconsin's future workforce. As part of our effort to enhance the future employability of all youth, including low-income individuals, Wisconsin's school-to-work initiative encompasses program and curricular changes aimed at better preparing youth to enter the workforce, immediately after high school or following post-secondary education. Youth who are better prepared to enter the workforce will be less likely to rely on the welfare system for support during school or after graduation. Generally, school-to-work programs are aimed at:

- encouraging youth to plan for a career more thoroughly and at an earlier age;
- acquainting youth with alternatives to a baccalaureate degree (such as associate programs and apprenticeships); and
- forging partnerships between K-12 schools and technical colleges, universities and businesses in order to facilitate career pathways from school to the workforce.

Programs are administered primarily by Wisconsin's DWD, the Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board and the University of Wisconsin System. Fiscal responsibility rests with the DWD.

#### Client Group Served:

This effort will include additional outreach and assistance in designing local programs to meet the needs of youth and employers in all areas of the state, with emphasis on those areas with the highest concentrations of low-income individuals.

**TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$6,100,000**